

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 17, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 10, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending February 16, 2011 in the amount of \$ 252,613.52 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of February 10 – February 16, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 19 – February 15, 2011
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of January 2011 in the total amount of \$9,041.42.

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$1,396,931.69 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Councilor Calnon said I just wanted to point out that \$1.2 million of that's our January power bill.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign New York State Department of Transportation Utility Work Agreement 2A. This agreement concerns the de-energizing of MLD's transmission power lines adjacent to the I-87 construction site.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF DEREK ROSENBAUM TO THE POSITION OF ASSESSOR EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011, TO COMPLETE THE OPEN SIX YEAR ASSESSOR TERM THAT ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013. THE POSITION IS SET AT RANGE 5, STEP 6 OF THE MANAGERIAL SALARY SCHEDULE WITH THE STANDARD 52 WEEK PROBATIONARY PERIOD.

2. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot to continue the contract with ELMORE SPCA, INC. for Animal Shelter Services for 2011 for the sum of \$10,868.

3. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from December 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 in the total amount of \$701.27. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .05%.
4. Request from the Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD BID NO. 2011-3-1 "Electric Power Distribution Transformers." Bid Opening Date: March 31, 2011 at 11:00 am.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Jackson said February turned out to be a very quick month and I didn't realize it was the 3rd week so we are going to have the MLD Board Meeting next Thursday. Secondly, we've been notified that there's actually going to be one of those free rabies clinics out at the Public Works building on Thursday, February 24th from 6 – 8:30 pm so if you need any of your dogs vaccinated.

Corporation Counsel said is it for cats too or just dogs.

Councilor Jackson said no it's for dogs, cats and ferrets.

Councilor Tiffer said I just wanted to make one comment on George's comment on the restaurant. I think the whole point of minimizing the rent is to create an incentive for people to invest in the facility. Like the water slide, I won't give any details on that, but if they want to spend their own money then we should allow them to spend their own money.

Mayor Kasprzak said we were excited about that, although it is nothing official by any means, but it was an idea that someone had talked to Steve and Mark. If it makes sense hopefully we will be able to draw those types of things.

Councilor Rabideau said I also can see that if they are investing that we at least could continue more than one year because of their investment that they are putting in.

Mayor Kasprzak said and I think that is a determination that Steve will bring to us. I agree with you. We need good partners; we need public/private partnerships, which Chris and I dealt with parks for years and those are things that make things work. It's not just public or private it's got to be a combination and a partnership.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:35 pm